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AMPLIFIERS

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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petitions regarding the above-referenced case, please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by John Lehrer Zyskind along with a petition for extension of time.

According to The Decision on Petitions indicates, with the submission of the above-referenced Declaration and Power of Attorney, all requirements are now satisfied.

The Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned regarding this matter, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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